

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of transmitting at least one web site update schedule, comprising:

receiving said update schedule at a central computer, via a communication network, information from a plurality of web sites, said information indicative of future times at which content of said web sites will be updated;

receiving at said central computer a request from a user computer; and

said central computer responding to said request by providing the update schedule a display page to said user computer, said display page including display information that presents the future time at which the content of at least one of selected said web sites to at least one consumers will be updated.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the update schedules of a web site are at least some of said information indicative of future times is received by as part of a registration process in which at least one of said web sites provides its update schedule.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the update schedule of a web site are at least some of said information indicative of future times is received by the central computer crawling at least one of the web site sites.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending the update schedule to a consumer wherein said display page is provided to said user computer in response

to ~~identification of a user of the user computer identifying~~ one or more web sites ~~in~~ for which schedule information is desired by ~~a consumer~~ the user.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

allowing the user to revise a list of the identified web sites ~~may be revised~~.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein ~~the update schedule is displayed as desired by the consumer without revising the desired web sites~~ the display information corresponds to a list of web sites identified by the user prior to said request.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising: providing consumer access to the desired web sites when the update schedule is displayed~~ wherein the display page includes links to websites previously identified by a user of the user computer.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

tracking one or more consumer interests, said interests relating to subject matter of one or more identified web sites.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

tracking one or more consumer interests, said interests relating to interests of other consumers of a peer group.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

making recommendations of additional web sites which may be of interest to ~~the consumer~~ a user of the user computer.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

providing ~~consumer access~~ links to the additional web sites that are recommended.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the ~~recommendation~~ relates recommendations relate to consumer the user's interest as measured by content of the web sites whose update ~~schedule's~~ schedules are of interest to the ~~consumer~~ user.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10, wherein the recommendation relates to consumer interest as measured by interests of members of said consumer peer group.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the ~~recommendation~~ relates recommendations relate to consumer the user's interest as measured by information obtained from the ~~consumer~~ user through registration.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

placing advertisements or promotions on the update schedule of the consumer.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15, wherein the advertisements or promotions relate to one or more interests of the consumer where said interests are based on subject matter of the web sites whose update schedules are of interest to the consumer.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15, wherein the advertisements or promotions relate to one or more interests of the consumer where said interests are based on interests of the members of the consumer peer group.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15, wherein the advertisements or promotions relate to one or more interests of the consumer where said interests are based on information obtained from the consumer through registration.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

allowing a registered web site to provide advertisements or promotions to be displayed to the consumer with the web site update schedule.

20. (Currently amended) A system of transmitting at least one web site update schedule, comprising:

means for receiving the update schedule at a central computer, via a communication network, information from a plurality of web sites, said information indicative of future times at which content of said web sites will be updated;

means for receiving at said central computer a request from a user computer; and

means at said central computer for responding to said request by providing the update schedule a display page to said user computer, said display page including display information that presents the future time at which the content of at least one of selected said web sites to at least one consumer will be updated.

21. (Currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein ~~the update schedule of a web site are~~ at least some of said information indicative of future times is received by as part of a registration process in which at least one of said web sites provides its update schedule.

22. (Currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein ~~the update schedules of a web site are~~ at least some of said information indicative of future times is received by the central computer crawling at least one of the web site sites.

23. (Currently amended) The system of claim 20, ~~further comprising means for sending the update schedule to a consumer~~ wherein said display page is provided to said user computer in response to identification of a user of the user computer identifying one or more web sites in for which schedule information is desired by a consumer the user.

24. (Currently amended) The system of claim 23, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:
means for allowing the user to revise a list of the identified web sites may be revised.

25. (Currently amended) The system of claim 23, wherein ~~the update schedule is displayed as desired by the consumer without revising the desired web sites~~ the display information corresponds to a list of web sites identified by the user prior to said request.

26. (Currently amended) The system of claim 20, ~~further comprising: means for providing consumer access to the desired web sites when the update schedule is displayed~~ wherein the display page includes links to websites previously identified by a user of the user computer.

27. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising:

means for tracking one or more consumer interests, said interests relating to subject matter of one or more identified web sites.

28. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 20, further comprising:

means for tracking one or more consumer interests, said interests relating to interests of other consumers of a peer group.

29. (Currently amended) The system of claim 20, further comprising:

means for making recommendations of additional web sites which may be of interest to ~~the consumer~~ a user of the user computer.

30. (Currently amended) The system of claim 29, further comprising:

means for providing ~~consumer access~~ links to the additional web sites that are recommended.

31. (Currently amended) The system of claim 29, wherein the ~~recommendation relates~~ recommendations relate to consumer the user's interest as measured by content of the web sites whose update ~~schedule's~~ schedules are of interest to the ~~consumer~~ user.

32. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 29, wherein the recommendation relates to consumer interest as measured by interests of members of said consumer peer group.

33. (Currently amended) The system of claim 29, wherein the ~~recommendation relates~~ recommendations relate to consumer the user's interest as measured by information obtained from the ~~consumer~~ user through registration.

34. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 29, further comprising:
means for placing advertisements or promotions on the update schedule of the consumer.

35. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 34, wherein the advertisements or promotions relate to one or more interests of the consumer where said interests are based on subject matter of the web sites whose update schedules are of interest to the consumer.

36. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 34, wherein the advertisements or promotions relate to one or more interests of the consumer where said interests are based on interests of the members of the consumer peer group.

37. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 34, wherein the advertisements or promotions relate to one or more interests of the consumer where said interests are based on information obtained from the consumer through registration.

38. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 21, further comprising:
means for allowing a registered web site to provide advertisements or promotions to be displayed to the consumer with the web site update schedule.

39. (Currently amended) A system of transmitting at least one web site update schedule, comprising:

a database for ~~receiving update schedule from~~ storing information related to a plurality of web sites, said information indicative of future times at which content of said web sites will be updated; and

a central processor in communication with said database and configured for receiving a request from a user computer and responding to said request by providing the update schedule a display page to said user computer, said display page including display information that presents the future time at which content of at least one of selected said web sites to at least one consumer will be updated.

40. (Currently amended) The system of claim 39, wherein ~~the update schedule of a web site are~~ at least some of said information indicative of future times is received by as part of a registration process in which at least one of said web sites provides its update schedule.

41. (Currently amended) The system of claim 39, wherein ~~the update schedule of a web site are~~ at least some of said information indicative of future times is received by the central processor crawling at least one of the web site sites.

42. (Currently amended) The system of claim 39, wherein ~~the central processor is further configured for further comprising sending the update schedule to a consumer~~ said display page is provided to said user computer in response to identification of a user of the user computer identifying one or more web sites in for which schedule information is desired by a consumer the user

43. (Currently amended) The system of claim 42, wherein the central processor is further configured to allow the user to revise a list of the identified web sites may be revised.

44. (Currently amended) The system of claim 42, wherein ~~the update schedule is displayed as desired by the consumer without revising the desired web sites~~ the display information corresponds to a list of web sites identified by the user prior to said request.

45. (Currently amended) The system of claim 39, wherein ~~the processor is further configured for providing consumer access to the desired web sites when the update schedule is displayed~~ display page includes links to websites previously identified by a user of the user computer.

46. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein the processor is further configured for tracking one or more consumer interests, said interests relating to subject matter of one or more identified web sites.

47. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 39, wherein the processor is further configured for tracking one or more consumer interests, said interests relating to interests of other consumers of a peer group.

48. (Currently amended) The system of claim 39, wherein the processor is further configured for making recommendations of additional web sites which may be of interest to ~~the consumer~~ a user of the user computer.

49. (Currently amended) The system of claim 48, wherein the processor is further configured for providing ~~consumer access~~ links to the additional web sites that are recommended.

50. (Currently amended) The system of claim 48, wherein the ~~recommendation relates~~ recommendations relate to ~~consumer~~ the user's interest as measured by content of the web sites whose update ~~schedule's~~ schedules are of interest to the ~~consumer~~ user.

51. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 48, wherein the ~~recommendation relates~~ recommendations relate to consumer interest as measured by interests of members of said consumer peer group.

52. (Currently amended) The system of claim 48, wherein the recommendation relates to ~~consumer~~ the user's interest as measured by information obtained from the ~~consumer~~ user through registration.

53. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 39, wherein the processor is further configured for placing advertisements or promotions on the update schedule of the consumer.

54. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 53, wherein the advertisements or promotions relate to one or more interests of the consumer where said interests are based on subject matter of the web sites whose update schedules are of interest to the consumer.

55. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 53, wherein the advertisements or promotions relate to one or more interests of the consumer where said interests are based on interests of the members of the consumer peer group.

56. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 53, wherein the advertisements or promotions relate to one or more interests of the consumer where said interests are based on information obtained from the consumer through registration.

57. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 40, wherein the processor is further configured for allowing a registered web site to provide advertisements or promotions to be displayed to the consumer with the web site update schedule.

58. (Canceled)

59. (Currently amended) A programmed central computer for transmitting at least one web site update schedule, comprising:

memory having at least one region for storing executable program code; and

a processor for executing the program code stored in memory, wherein the program code includes:

code to receive ~~update schedule~~ at the central computer, via a communication network, information from a plurality of web sites, said information indicative of future times at which content of said web sites will be updated;

code to receive at said central computer a request from a user computer; and

code to ~~provide the update schedules~~ for said central computer to respond to said request by providing a display page to said user computer, said display page including display

information that presents the future time at which the content of at least one of selected said web sites to-at least one consumer will be updated.

60. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer executable software code stored thereon, the code for transmitting ~~web sites update~~ at least one web site update schedule, comprising the code to perform the steps of:

code to receive update schedule receiving at a central computer, via a communication network, information from a plurality of web sites, said information indicative of future times at which content of said web sites will be updated;

receiving at said central computer a request from a user computer; and

code to provide the update schedule said central computer responding to said request by providing a display page to said user computer, said display page including display information that presents the future time at which the content of at least one of selected said web sites to-at least one consumer will be updated.

61. (new) A method of transmitting information about at least one website update schedule, comprising:

receiving at a central computer, via a communication network, information from a plurality of web sites, said information indicative of most recent times at which content of said web sites was updated;

receiving at said central computer a request from a user computer; and

said central computer responding to said request by providing a display page to said user computer, said display page including display information that indicates whether at least one of said web sites was updated since a user of the computer last visited said at least one of said web sites.